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News Briefs

Christmas Musical presentation

The First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, adult choir will present the Christmas musical, "Wonderful on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Youth, children, testimonies, narration, solos and drama will be part of this musical which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Admission is free and a nursery will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

Hurry to enter the chamber's Christmas Decorating Contest

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce extends an invitation to all the residents and businesses of Belle Glade to participate in their annual Home and Business Decorating Contest. First, second, and third place certificates will be presented in each of three categories: Best Business Decorations, Residential Religious and Residential Most Christmas Spirit.

Those wishing to enter the contest should call the chamber office by noon on Friday, Dec. 12, at 996-2740.

Christmas program at St. John's

St. John First Missionary Baptist Church invites the community to attend their Children's Christmas Program. The program is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 600 S.W. 8th Street, Belle Glade.

Both chambers selling advance tickets to South Florida Fair

The Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce are selling advance tickets to the South Florida Fair. Admission tickets, ride coupon books, wristbands and three-day passes are all available at a substantial savings.

Stop by the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chamber to purchase your advance tickets.

GDS Glee Club Concert is Dec. 15

The Gator and Junior Glee Clubs of Glades Day School will present their holiday concert, "The Gifts of Christmas," at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, at the Dply Hand Cultural Arts Center. The two choruses will present a variety of sacred and secular holiday music, including old favorites and new songs as well. Tickets for the concert are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and are available at GDS from Choral Director Lynn Pernezy (996-6769), or from Isabel Coonfare at Okeelanta Sugar.

The Belle Glade Rotary Club will get a preview of the Christmas concert at its Dec. 9 meeting, when the high school chorus will perform several of its holiday selections.

Low cost equipment and engine repair
The Diesel Mechanics class

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Lake Level
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December 9, 1997



A FASCINATION WITH SANTA. Four-year-old Kasey Dulany of Belle Glade tells Santa what she would like to have him bring her for Christmas. Kasey was one of over 60 children who had lunch with Santa last Saturday. The event was sponsored this year by the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau. Children met with Santa, had lunch and were able to enjoy a petting zoo.

Man killed when truck plunges into canal

A 20-year-old Pahokee man died when the pick-up he was driving plunged into the L-8 Canal north of Canal Point on Sunday, Dec. 7. Jason Pilcher was driving the pickup truck about 12:30 a.m. when he lost control on a curve and went into the canal. He was taken to Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee

where he was pronounced dead.

His cousin, Stephen Pilcher, 17, managed to get out of the truck. He was treated at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

Funeral services for Jason are at 11 a.m. today at the Canal Point Baptist Church. Interment will be in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Pioneer Pahokee resident dies

Pahokee Main Street lost its hardest working volunteer Monday when long-time resident Julian Branch passed away after a short illness.

"We are stunned right now at the magnitude of our loss," said Shirley Jarriel, Main Street coordinator. "It's difficult to think of the future and all the work to be done without Julian. He would want us to continue with the work he started, however, because he did love Pahokee and made his home here for many years."

Mr. Branch, 78, died Dec. 8 in St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach. He had been a resident of Pahokee since moving to the area with his parents at age 18 from Dublin, GA. Mr. Branch was co-founder of Hugh H. Branch, Inc. He retired in 1991 after 34 years.

He married the former Margie Stokes in 1946 and the couple made their home in Canal Point where they raised their two sons, Frank and Don.



Julian Branch

Later, the couple moved their family to First Street in Pahokee where they lived for many years. A few months ago they moved to their new home on East Main Street.

Ken Schenck, Pahokee City Manager, remembers Julian as a great asset. "Since the beginning of the Main Street program in Pahokee, Julian has helped make Pahokee better," he noted.

He was co-chair of the design

sub-committee, Weed Eaters & Edgers, and he worked continually edging, sweeping, shoveling dirt, and cleaning wherever it was needed. "No job was too dirty or difficult for Julian," said Mrs. Jarriel. Throughout the month of November he could be seen climbing ladders to hang the Christmas lights that light up the downtown.

According to his pastor, a spirit of helpfulness defined Mr. Branch. Stores of his compassion for his fellowman abound in the community.

Jim Bennett, pastor of the Canal Point Baptist Church, where Julian and Margie have attended church for many years says, "Julian was always present when there was work to be done or someone was in need of help. I was his pastor but he was also a precious friend."

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 10 and interment was in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Glades Central goes for southern regional title

By Brenda Bunting Editor

It's head-to-head with Rockledge for the southern regional title Friday night for the Glades Central Raiders. They played before a packed hometown crowd.

The Raiders dominated Tampa-Robinson last Friday

night to move on to the finals with a score of 35-16.

Glades Central's star quarterback, Brad Banks, had a total of 284 yards of total offense to help his team win the game.

The Glades Central game will be held on the Raider's home turf Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Medical alert continues

The medical alert status continues for all of Palm Beach County. Four newly (presumptive) positive sentinel chicken seroconversions were detected in tests performed this week in Palm Beach County. Two confirmed (repeated sample) positive sentinel chicken seroconversions were reported this week in Palm Beach County. The sentinel chicken flock locations for the confirmed positive chickens (both presumptive on November 21) were Canal Point and West Lake Worth. The sentinel chicken flock locations for the newly presumptive seroconversions were located in Boca Raton and south Belle Glade.

No new confirmed human cases of SLE disease have been reported in Palm Beach County.

Residents and visitors (especially the elderly) should continue to take common-sense

precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes from dusk to dawn. Wear appropriate clothing (long pants, socks and long sleeves) and use insect repellent on exposed areas of skin when outdoors at dusk and nighttime. Precautions are especially important when engaging in nighttime outdoor activities near densely wooded or heavily vegetated areas.

Even with the improvement in local conditions, these common-sense precautions are still being urged. Environmental conditions and seasonal weather patterns continue to be favorable for the reduction of *Culex nigripalpus* mosquitoes, the carriers of the disease.

Health care providers should continue the same diligent surveillance of patients with symptoms associated with SLE disease. The next SLE update and test results will be sent late Friday, Dec. 12.

Talisman Sugar land to be sold for Everglades Restoration

A deal has been reached between the government and St. Joe Paper Company, the parent company of Talisman Sugar, to purchase 50,000 acres in western Palm Beach County for \$133.5 million.

Vice President Al Gore made the announcement on Saturday, Dec. 6, at a dedication ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of Everglades National Park. Environmentalists are pleased with the purchase, which they hope will be used as a water catchment area to cleanse water flowing from farms to the north of the land. Environmentalists believe sugar growers in the

Everglades Agricultural Area should pay more to clean up the Everglades.

They filed suit against the South Florida Water Management District a week ago. They want growers to pay more of the cost to clean up the Everglades. A 1994 law states that growers will pay up to one-third of the total cost to clean up the Everglades. Those involved in the lawsuit include Mary Barley, widow of George Barley, who was a conservationist and founder of the Save Our Everglades group, and former South Florida Water Management District Board member Nathaniel Reed.

The lawsuit that brought us here

EDITOR'S NOTE: Much misinformation and rhetoric has surrounded the notion of "restoring" the Everglades since it became an explicit goal of the state in 1983. In an effort to assist with the overall understanding of the complex issues surrounding Everglades restoration, a report titled "The Everglades: A Volatile Mix of Science and Politics" was prepared for elected officials and Everglades stakeholders prior to the first meeting of Florida's Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Everglades. Written by former South Florida Water Management District Public Affairs Director Cathleen C. Vogel, the report is designed to provide background information on Everglades issues and to assess the current status of the restoration programs. The Sun is reprinting the contents of the report in a series of articles over the next few weeks to help local residents understand the

Everglades restoration project and how it affects the local economy.

Litigation, Mediation and Legislation

By now, most people are aware of the Everglades water quality lawsuit - the case that spawned tens of related suits, cost taxpayers an estimated \$25 million and took almost five years to settle. Some environmental advocates insist that if the federal government had not sued the State of Florida and the South Florida Water Management District for failure to enforce water quality

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SOLD OUT... The Living Christmas Tree performance on Saturday and Sunday at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center brought capacity crowds. The Ninth Annual event featured local singers and school children as well as a bell choir.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

What's in a nickname?

By Mike Lyons

Cool nights, warm afternoons and clear skies - a brief but often accurate description of winter in the Sunshine State. While Florida is known around the world for its comfortable winter weather, occasionally, it does get chilly. Every once in a while winter becomes a rude guest.

Two or three times each winter, for example, south Florida can expect the temperature to drop into the 30s. And, once every couple of years, the mercury may actually come close to the freezing mark.

These are the exceptions, of course. Most of the time Florida's winter weather is the envy of the nation.

Yet, on those rare occurrences when it does turn frigid, there doesn't seem to be an appropriate name for the cold spell. At least, not a name we can use in a family newspaper.

Other parts of the country have nicknames for their winter storms, but none exist in Florida.

For example, residents in New England refer to the onset of a "Nor'easter," a storm that often produces harsh winds, heavy rains, deep snows and widespread beach erosion. Some of the most famous winter storms in New England



Mike Lyons

History were Nor'easters.

"Alberta Clippers," fast-moving storms that originate in the Canadian province of Alberta, are regular visitors to the Upper Midwest. Cold air and widespread snows are often the result.

The "Texas Panhandler," sometimes called the "Oklahoma Hooker," is a storm notorious for producing blizzards in the Plains. This storm, which forms near the Texas-Oklahoma border, frequently sweeps across the Northern Plains and Great Lakes, dumping enormous amounts of snow.

My favorite winter storm nickname, however, is the "Blue Norther," a storm infamous in Texas. The Blue Norther is a fast-moving cold front that can bring a sudden drop in the temperature, as much as 25 degrees in one hour

and 50 degrees in three hours. This wicked storm gets its name from the dark blue clouds that often precede its arrival. Texas author and amateur meteorologist John Weems once described a Blue Norther as "a long wall of clouds stretching across the northern horizon, looming ever higher, ever bluer and ever darker in the winter sky."

A true Blue Norther is a dry storm that doesn't produce much precipitation. While rain and snow are not uncommon, a Blue Norther is famous for its icy temperatures and gusty winds.

One of the most famous Blue Northers was the blizzard of February 11-13, 1899, a storm that sent the entire state into the deep freeze. The mercury dropped to 12 degrees in the fruit orchards of Corpus Christi and several inches of snow fell as far south as the Rio Grande.

It was a dreadful storm, but at least Texans knew it was a Blue Norther. Yet, the next time a bitter cold wave arrives in Florida, it won't have a suitable nickname. We won't know what to call it.

Perhaps, that's not so bad. After all, maybe if we don't give it a nickname, it won't be visiting very often.



SANTA GETS SMILES FOR CHRISTMAS...Visiting with the jolly St. Nick at a luncheon sponsored by the Farm Bureau on Sat., Dec. 6 are, from left to right: Matthew Don Roberts, 6 yrs.; Cassidy Roberts, 7 mos.; Kara Roberts, 4 yrs.; Brianna Lohmann, 4 yrs.; and Lizzie Lohmann, 1 yr.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...Belle Glade Elks Lodge 1716 recently donated \$100 to the Very Special Arts Florida. Exalted Ruler Wayne Carter presents the check to Sharon Teets, Financial Chair for the Very Special Arts Florida. The organization will sponsor a show at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Feb. 4 and all local schools will send children to perform.

Christmas on the island of the chimps

At 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 18, Santa Claus will make time out of his busy holiday schedule to visit the chimps at World Famous Lion Country Safari. This annual event has become a ritual for the chimps. According to Wildlife Director Terry Wolf, "It's amazing, the chimps recognize the jolly old man and get very excited."

The chimpanzee display at Lion Country Safari is the largest in North America and the finest display, outside of Africa, in the world, according

to the renowned chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall. Santa will bring presents such as stuffed animals, balls and food items that have been wrapped by Chimpanzee volunteers.

Chimpanzees are curious and intelligent animals. At Lion Country Safari, the chimps are provided with enrichment throughout the year. The visit from Santa and the gifts he brings provides additional enrichment to the chimps during the holiday season.

As he has done in years past, Santa will also visit the Safari

World amusement area, bringing gifts for the other primates, such as spider monkeys and lemurs. This event always promises to be full of fun and excitement for young and old alike.

Lion Country Safari is open every day of the year, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The last vehicle is admitted at 4:30 p.m.



Zeta attends regional conference

By Robbie Everett

The 68th Annual Southeastern Regional Conference of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was held in Daytona Beach on Nov. 20-22.

Zeta's Conference theme was "Revisiting for the Challenge of the 21st Century." The southeastern region includes Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Sorority members and auxiliaries (Amicae, Archonettes and Amicettes) stayed at the luxurious Adam's Mark Hotel on the beautiful shores of the world's most famous beaches. Attending the conference from the area were Zeta's Mary Evans, LaWanda Everett, Robbie Everett, Sheila Henry, Jeanette Hickman, Mary Jackson, Linda

Joseph, Vernita Moore, Renae S. Roberts, Jesse Terry, Winifred Tolbert and Archonette Rickeshia Tillman.

Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter was recognized for distinguished effort to recruit, retain and retain inactive members. A plaque was presented to local members by Regional Director Bettye Shelling and Archonette Rickeshia Tillman received an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for having a 4.0 GPA.

Featured speakers at the conference were: Dr. Barbara West-Carpenter, International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority of Baton Rouge, LA; Barbara Moore, International First Vice President of Columbia, SC; and Dr. Shirley Bowles, National Second Vice-President of Biloxi, MS. Each challenged us in her own way to prepare ourselves for the new millennium.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

OF BUREAU FUNDING
The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners through the Palm Beach County CIVIC CARE Council is making Free White CARE Art grant funds available for the service category, CARE Council Support. Palm Beach County anticipates receiving an estimated amount of \$250,337 for this service category. Contract proposals will be available between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., December 15-16, 1997 for those entities who are interested in providing CARE Council Support. Contract proposals can be picked up no later than 5 p.m., December 16, 1997. Department of Community Services 810 Patricia Street, Suite 200 West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Should you have any questions regarding the contract proposal, contact Joe Doucette, Contract/Grant Coordinator, Department of Community Services at 561-355-4709. Published: The Sun, December 11, 1997. Legal No. 97-142



In memory of our wonderful, loving father, Jackie Mills. Our thoughts of you grow stronger every day. Your spirit lives on in each of us, even in the grandchildren you've never met, (or have you?) You are ever present, especially now after the 5th anniversary of your entrance into Heaven (December 28th). (Poem by Holly Mills, 13 years old)

We love you...

Mom, Janet, Pat & Chris, Billy & Tammy, Annette & Vance, Joann & Tim, Henry & Krista, Billie Jo, Holly, Jake, Cody, Afion, Ryan, Taylor, Kylie, Bryson, Victoria & Vanessa

If Jackie Mills came back as a ghost, wondering about me, or who he loved the most, he may ask first, How's my Patsy dear? What's she doing now? I hope she hasn't a tear. Does she know I'm always watching over her? Has she met a new man? I'm sure he's a really nice sir. Will she ever know how much I cared? I wish I could be with her now, to share all our memories, but I don't know when or how.....

It's Jimmy's world. We just live in it.

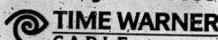


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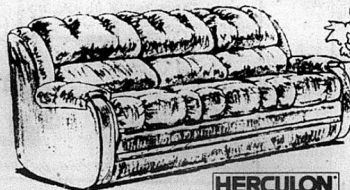
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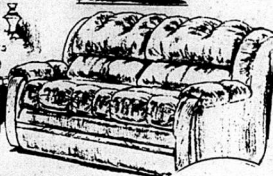
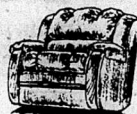
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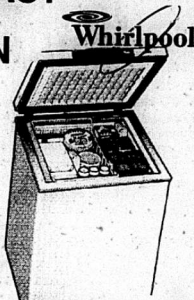


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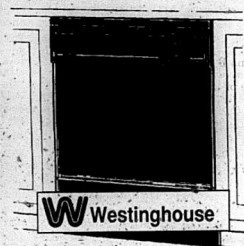
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Caller says post office doesn't deserve raise

"The post office raises their prices almost every year or so. They say it is to upgrade their service. Wrong. If anything, I've never seen it change for the better.

Two times this year I have had to put tracers out for money orders because I would be late on payments the companies did not receive.

Last month, I sent a money order to north Florida for a payment on my car insurance. I sent it three weeks ahead of time. They did not receive it. I had to restart the insurance. It cost me extra to dig up the money. I paid for tracing the money order. The post office wants money to trace their own mail they lost.

So, I paid \$400 I had to borrow for insurance and I paid to trace the money order and paid a late charge.

I can't see why I should pay to trace mail they lost. I know they have excuses. They probably need more money for stamps or pay raises or whatever."

Belle Glade Postmaster Johnny Johnson

responds: "The post office handles 1,000,000 pieces of mail a day. Most of this mail is delivered on time. For numerous reasons, including human error, from time to time mail does not reach its destination on time.

Each and every piece of mail from our customers is very important to us and it is our desire that every piece reach its destination on time.

Whenever a piece of mail is reported as undelivered by our customers we make every effort to locate that mail and/or try to determine the reason it was not delivered as expected. Whenever a customer uses a post office money order and the addressee does not receive it, the post office has a system in place to trace that money order. We are required to follow these procedures. We are a service company and there are fees for services provided. The tracing of a lost money order requires a fee for processing.

Please note that our money orders are guaranteed and 99% of the time the addressee really has received the money order. I would also like to note the postal service has not raised the price of postage since 1995."



Back to Early 1900's Basics

By Rosemary Dunstan

Last June, Johnny graduated from high school but he can't read, can't write, can't get a job. (In 1996, in California alone, 43-53% of high school graduates who went on to college required tutoring in basics such as math and English due to deficiencies in their public schooling. Reference - USA TODAY, June 1997.)

Has it always been this way?

Absolutely not. Statistics compiled by the United States Bureau of Education in 1910 showed that all students between the ages of ten and fourteen that attended public school regularly were literate. At that time, the road to education lay through the works of men such as Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Shakespeare, and Isaac Newton. Traditional educators felt that studying the great thinkers widened a student's own moral, intellectual and spiritual horizons, and that vocabulary study was paramount to accomplishing these goals. Students were taught that the dictionary was their friend.

For example, a 1912 textbook, *Studies in Reading*, gave teachers the following advice: "All words not clear to pupils should be studied by means of a dictionary. The intelligent use of the dictionary enables the child to become independent in enlarging his own vocabulary." A turn of the century math book, *A Practical Arithmetic*, began with a vocabulary study of math terms and went on to define the terms in full each time they appeared in the main text.

Another turn of the century example, *Webster's Common School Dictionary*, told students, "At school you probably have access to (large) dictionaries, but do you know that study at home is made easier and is more quickly accomplished when you have the opportunity to use one of the larger dictionaries?" In 1906 the California State Board of Education recommended that grade school teachers use observation drills in teach English lessons. It said, "The best results can be attained...only when the object under consideration is before the class. If possible, bring the real object into the classroom; if not, use pictures."

Thus public schools stressed vocabulary and observation, taught students to absorb facts and truths of the great thinkers.

Eliminating Successful Teaching Methods

Such schools, however, were seen by John Dewey (1859-1952), the father of our modern public education system, to have a "tragic weakness." Dewey, who was strongly influenced by psychology, felt schools should address social behavior over traditional curriculum. In his 1916 book, *Democracy and Education*, he advocated that individualism had to adapt itself to the needs of collectivism. (collectivism: the ownership and control of the means of production and distribution by the people collectively. Webster's New World Dictionary.)

The idea that a child's social development was paramount became a part of the curriculum at teachers colleges in America and was heralded as progressive education.

It took many decades for psychology to quell the successful teaching methods of traditional educators. But by the beginning of the 1950's it was noticed that some children attending public school could not read or write well. Through the 1960's and 1970's reading incompetency became snowballing at an alarming rate. Then by 1984 the Department of Education estimated there were 24 million functionally illiterate (functionally illiterate: -- a person who ability to read is less than that needed for proper functioning in a complex society -- Webster's New World Dictionary); all had attended from 8 to 12 years of compulsory public schooling. Today most high

school graduates, with little more than comic book reading levels, don't even know their education has been sabotaged by psychology's "progressive" theories.

New Educational Breakthrough

How can America regain her literacy of the past?

Author, educator and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard, researched and developed an innovative education technology to make that dream reality. Mr. Hubbard's works -- called *Study Technology* (technology -- a method or process for dealing with a problem in a particular science, art, profession, etc. -- Webster's New World Dictionary) -- makes it possible to grasp any subject and remedy any learning difficulty.

The Study Technology not only emphasizes the use of a dictionary as well as firsthand observation of what you are studying -- as in the early 1900's -- but also outlines the physiological (physiological -- relating to the way a person's body functions -- Collins English Language Dictionary) and mental reactions that occur when a student goes past a word he does not fully understand, so the student can recognize when he needs to find and clear up a misunderstanding. It also provides a precise method for correctly clearing a word so that a student has full conceptual understanding and can use the word in his own vocabulary. It is not a memorizing technique, but enables the student to apply the data he has learned in life.

This technology is not just another reading method nor does it replace core curriculum. It is an undercut to any difficulty a student may run into while learning a new subject. As Mr. Hubbard stated it is the "bedrock on the subject of learning a subject."

In 1995 at the Delphi Academy in Los Angeles, where students are trained in these learning skills, the students tested approximately 30% higher than the national average on the SAT test. In Compton (south central Los Angeles), troubled inner-city youth have given up their lives of violence and crime once they were provided a quality education -- and homeless individuals gained employment and became productive citizens through the use of this technology.

Actress Anne Archer, International Spokesperson for Applied Scholastics (a non-profit organization based in Los Angeles which licenses and trains teachers, parents and students in the standard application of the Study Technology) said, "Despite this age of technological advances where electronic information is arriving into our homes through computers, videos and TV, there is a danger threatening our society in the field of education. I see children as well as adults suffering in learning, not through lack of resources and visual aids, but through the lack of learning skills. It behooves us all to avail ourselves of this workable technology."

John Travolta, who spoke about Applied Scholastics' volunteer community literacy programs at the recent Presidential Volunteer Summit in Washington D.C., used Hubbard's educational discoveries to train as a jet pilot. As a youth he dropped out of high school, yet through the use of Study Technology, he now holds six licenses to pilot different jet aircraft.

The application of this educational breakthrough alone can turn around America's declining standard of literacy.

For more information contact Applied Scholastics International at 1-800-424-5397, or www.appliedscholastics.org.

NOTE: This article includes excerpts from *Psychology's Influence on Education* by C. Lee McCormick.

Letter to the editor

Touched by angels

Dear Editor:

One of the most popular television shows is "Touched by an Angel," which airs weekly on Sunday. In Belle Glade we have been touched by individuals who can be described as angels; Joaquin Gallien, the owner of Belle Glade Meat Market, Rosa Jones, Superintendent of the Sunday School and New Bethel Baptist Church members.

The Belle Glade Meat Market greatly and richly supported the "Community Thanksgiving Dinner" sponsored by New Bethel Baptist Church, 1101 W. Avenue A, Belle Glade. More

than 500 individuals enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day with dinners served on Nov. 26, 1997.

Again, thanks to Rosa Jones, New Bethel and much thanks to Belle Glade Meat Market.

Mamie Washington Kendall

Credit unions should not get free ride

Dear Editor:

All too frequently, debate over the common bond and credit union membership has been

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Readers come through with names in old photo

WOW! We were amazed at the number of readers who called us to identify the photo we ran in this space last week. Here's what callers had to say: The photo was taken in 1973, not in the 1960s. It is a photo of the Pahokee High School Jazz Ensemble and the teacher was Juanita Meeks. Pictured in the back row are: Tommy Tillis, (standing with the guitar) then Donald Rock, Brenda Norwood, Janet Walker, Debra Walker, Lisa Walker, Bill Blackwell (seated at the drums), Mike Hatfield and Kaye Williams. In front are: Mrs. Jones, Bill Brinson, Linda Smith, Anthony Bouie, Phyllis Durham and Harold Pringle.

Robbie Everett of Pahokee tells us Tommy Tillis still lives in Pahokee and is still singing when he gets the chance. Brenda Norwood married Wayne Peacock and they live in Pahokee. She works at the law offices of Donia Adams Roberts. Mike Hatfield is married to Jo Ellen Mills. They still live in Pahokee and have three lovely children. Kaye Williams still resides in Pahokee and is married to Mike Hatfield's brother. Bill Blackwell lives in Canal Point, has two children and has been employed by U.S. Sugar Bryant since 1983. His parents also still live in Canal Point. Andrew Jones lives in West Palm Beach but visits Pahokee often for sporting events. Anthony Bouie still resides in Pahokee. He is a tax consultant. Phyllis Durham Jones resides in Belle Glade and works for the School of CHOICE. Harold Pringle also resides in Belle Glade.

Thanks to all of you who called or faxed a response.

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The Downtown Merchants Association sponsored Glades Fest '97 this past weekend. The event featured food, children's rides and discounts at local stores.

South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made three arrests the week of December 1-7. They gave 110 citations, 27 written warnings, handled 15 offenses, three incident reports, 54 misc. incident reports and two accidents. Those arrested this past week included:

December 1 - No arrests

made.

December 2 - Virgel Owens, 49, warrant for failure to appear.

December 3 - No arrests made.

December 4 - No arrests made.

December 5 - Darrell Granville, 28, resisting arrest and obstructing an officer; Jabari Omar Harris, 21, failure to appear.

December 6 - No arrests made.

December 7 - No arrests made.

Crimestoppers



Michael Dennard Williams

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Michael Dennard Williams, who is wanted for burglary of a dwelling, grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Williams is a black male, 6' 2" tall weighing 175 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His date of birth is September 17, 1974. His Social Security Number is 265-61-8713 and

his last known address was 715 Mobile Home Park, Belle Glade. His last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of December 2, 1997.

If you know the whereabouts of Michael Dennard Williams, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 835 complaints and worked 11 crime scenes the week of December 1-7. Those arrested included:

December 1 - Leonard Malory, 24, failure to appear.

December 2 - Pablo Chavarrieta, 28, failure to appear; Monique Jackson, 21, attempted second degree murder and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

December 3 - Kenneth Brown, 45, possession of a shopping cart and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Johnny Lewis Hunter, 25, failure to comply; Edgar Oyarzun, 22, domestic battery; Juvenile, 14, retail theft; Leshawanda Donaldson, 19, failure to appear.

December 4 - Kerrie Shan-Yon, 18, robbery with a firearm; Jerry Lee Hamlett,

40, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Humberto Chavez, 55, contempt of court; Tracey Davis, 20, robbery with a firearm.

December 5 - Rudolph Moulten, 23, failure to appear; Melvin Watkins, 26, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

December 6 - Steel Maischi-az, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Jermaine Robinson, 25, battery; Lorenzo Diaz, 22, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Ramiro Navor, 23, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and battery; Jose Ayala, 27, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Luis Dominguez, 26, battery; Enrique Vasquez, 23, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and reckless display of a firearm; Daniel Adams, 20, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Pedro Andrade,

24, failure to appear.

December 7 - Kharyle Martin, 25, contempt of court; Yverosse Francois, 40, retail theft; Juan James, 33, aggravated stalking.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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based solely on emotion.

While the banking industry has felt compelled to respond to a false and aggressive public relations campaign by credit unions, our primary focus has been on the judicial system. Credit unions were created to serve cohesive groups that shared a single common bond. It is our opinion that this is what state and federal laws provide. Nowhere in the law is it found that an individual credit union can link multiple groups, each with a distinct common bond, to constitute its membership.

Credit unions and their regulators disagree with this interpretation. Federal courts have recently held that federal credit unions may not link multiple employer groups. The issue is now before the Supreme Court and a decision is expected to be rendered either later this year or early in 1998.

On the state level, the Division of Banking has interpreted Florida's Credit Union Act to permit the joinder of multiple groups under a single state-chartered credit union. The banking industry disagrees with this interpretation, and instead, believes Florida law confines membership in a state-chartered credit union to a single group with a common purpose.

Earlier this year, the banking industry requested that the Division of Banking issue a rule prohibiting the joinder of diverse groups

within the membership of a single state-chartered credit union. The division denied this request, contending that Florida law specifically provides for such membership expansions, and therefore, no rule is necessary. The division's decision was appealed by the banking industry and oral arguments are expected to occur shortly after the first of the year. A final ruling in the case is likely to be handed down by late spring 1998.

If credit unions wish to serve the general public through the boundless linkage of distinct common bonds, they should be subject to the same obligations as banks such as taxes and compliance with consumer regulation. It is important to note the majority of credit unions do serve a single constituency, and the banking industry takes no exception with these institutions which abide by the law.

The banking industry does not suggest that a consumer's choice for financial services should be limited. Rather, those credit unions which choose to serve the general public like a bank should not enjoy the free ride of state and federal tax exemption.

Sincerely,

Florida Bankers Association
Community Bankers of Florida

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water quality laws, the Everglades would never have received the attention and resources they need. But the truth is that the South Florida Water Management District had named the Everglades as its number one priority for development of a Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan following the legislatively mandated priority water bodies of the SWIM Act.

Everglades SWIM Planning was underway, and negotiations to transfer state-owned land in the EAA to the South Florida Water Management District for the purpose of constructing the first stormwater treatment marsh (the Everglades Nutrient Removal Project

located on the northwest corner of the Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge) were already begun, when Acting U.S. Attorney Dexter Lehtinen brought suit against the state in October 1988. Of course, we'll never know how the Everglades SWIM Plan may have proceeded absent the presence of litigation, but a good case can be made that the divisiveness, ill-will, expense and time-consuming process generated by the lawsuit did much to slow down progress on Everglades protection and divert millions of dollars to attorneys fees that could have been better spent.

Next week: Settling the Suit

Kravis Center coming to the Dolly Hand

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center will join together to present "Story Salad" to approximately 900 local students.

The presentation, sponsored by the Kravis Center, further enhances the Dolly hand Cultural Arts Center's 1997-98 Theatre For Schools program, which consists of over 20 performances being presented to approximately 10,000 local students from Palm Beach, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee counties.

For more information about Theatre For Schools, please call the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 992-6160.

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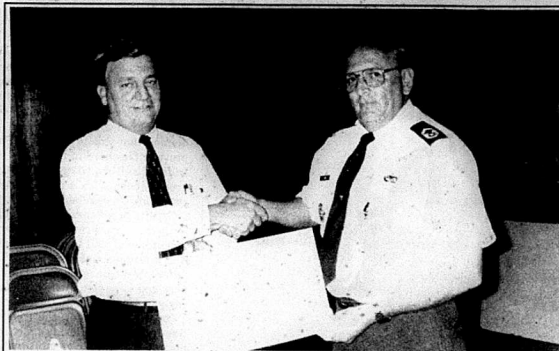
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McCallister elected Pharmacy Class Queen

November 19, 1997, Tallahassee, FL - Ernestine McCallister, a second-year pharmacy student at Florida A&M University (FAMU), was elected the 1997-98 Second Year Class Queen of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She accepted this honor during the recent coronation ball of the '97-98 Miss FAMU College of Pharmacy.

McCallister is the daughter of Ernest and Patsy McCallister of Pahokee, a 1996 graduate of Pahokee High School and a member of St. James A.M.E. Church (Pahokee). She is a member of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy/Student National Pharmacy Association, the President of the Executive Board of the second-year class and a mentor for freshmen pharmacy students. She is studying for her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree at FAMU, with the career goal of becoming a research scientist for a major pharmaceutical company.



Xi Beta Tau Sorority visits Pahokee's Youth Development Facility

Xi Beta Tau Sorority visited Pahokee's Youth Development Facility over Thanksgiving weekend and served cookies and other home baked treats to the boys in their "adopted pod". The boys were all very appreciative and thankful for their visit. Members serving were: Kay Korbly, JoAnn Law, Lynda Moss, Tina Provenza, Amy Schenk, Alice Thompson and Julie Wilkinson.



U.S. Sugar Funds FICF Scholarship

Duana Daniels, center, accepts a check for \$3,000 from William M.B. Fleming, Vice President from Development, as Dona Thornton, Dean, School of Education & Behavioral Studies, watches. The scholarship was funded by U.S. Sugar, as part of a \$75,000 scholarship program to students at the 23 member and associate institutions of the Florida Independent College Fund. Daniels, a senior, is PBA's first "U.S. Sugar Corporation Scholar." A resident of Belle Glade, Daniels, 26, is majoring in education.



Author Ann O'Connell Visits KEC/Canal Point Elementary

Imagine the surprise when Mrs. Ann O'Connell Rust, author of "Dessa" and a selection of the exciting series The Floridians, stopped by Friday, November 21, at KEC/Canal Point Elementary on her way to a book signing at the Everglades Trading Post.

Mrs. Rust met with Ms. Angelinos fifth grade class and answered questions concerning her book "Dessa". She talked about her days in the Glades as a child and how she was inspired to write "Dessa" and The Floridians Series. She ended her first visit by presenting six books: "Punta Rosa", "Palatka", "Kissimmie", "Monticello", "Pahokee", as well as "Dessa", to the school library. All personally autographed.

This was a wonderful culminating activity for the fifth and sixth graders visiting the Yesteryear Village at the South Florida Fair.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Anita Brunson, KEC/Canal Point Elementary Community SAC member and close friend of Mrs. Rust.

CANAL POINT ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK

Children at Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week with a combination of fun, educational activities. Every day the children dressed in a different era, and history and trivia facts were announced during the morning announcements.

One day, Smokey Bear dropped by to talk about fire safety to all Pre-K through second grade students.

The culminating activity was a fairy tale, novel, or nursery rhyme. A good time was enjoyed by all with proceeds going to the grade group to purchase classroom instructional materials.

Obituaries

Week of December 11, 1997

Mary "Gussie" Bailey, age 80, of Lake Harbor, died Dec. 8, 1997, at Hendry Regional Medical Center in Clewiston.

Widowed 2 years ago, she was a resident of Lake Harbor for 37 years, was a member of Lake Harbor Methodist Church, and worked as a clerk for the U.S. Post Office for 10 years.

She is survived by: son - Bill Bailey of LaBelle; daughter - Norma Schneider of Clewiston; daughter - Vencie Rogers of Leesburg, AL; daughter - Mary Rhinehart of Ft. Payne, AL; brothers - Van Mackey of Centre, AL, Jerry Mackey of Leesburg, AL, and Clyde Mackey of Gadsden, AL; sisters - Huldah Hawthorne of Leesburg, AL, and Juanita Chesnut of Leesburg, AL; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston on Dec. 9. Funeral services were held at Community Methodist Church in Lake Harbor, on Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. The officiating clergy was Rev. Rod Rudy.

Julian Franklin Branch, age 78, died Dec. 8, 1997, at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach, following a sudden illness.

A native of Dublin, GA, he was born on Nov. 22, 1919, son of Benjamin Franklin and Sally Kate Anderson Branch. He had made his home in Pahokee since moving from Dublin in 1937. A veteran of WW II, he served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a Co-founder of Hugh H. Branch, Inc. in 1957, and served as vice president until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of the Canal Point Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, a trustee, and was a member of the Men's Bible Class. Active in the Big Lake Baptist Association, he was a member of the Executive Committee, the Administrative Committee, and a former member of the Stewardship Committee. He was also a member of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce, a member of Pahokee Main Street, and had spent many hours doing volunteer work as a member of the beautification committee. Just before entering the hospital, he had completed the hanging of the Christmas lights on the buildings in the downtown area.

He is survived by: wife - the former Maggie Stokes to whom he was married on Sept. 20, 1946; sons - Franklin Branch of Palm Beach and Donald Branch of Royal Palm Beach; mother - Sally Branch of Dublin, GA; brother - Hugh H. Branch of Pahokee; sisters - Beulah, Cook of Pompano Beach and Mary Frank Carr of Dublin, GA; grandchildren - Charity Martin, Donna Jean Branch and Roscoe Branch of Royal Palm Beach, and Julie Kay Salvatore of Gainesville, FL.

The funeral service was held Dec. 10, at the Canal Point Baptist Church; Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

James Michael Darby, age 45, of Pahokee, died Nov. 27, 1997, following injuries received in a sky-diving accident.

A native of Cambridge, MD, he was born on Jan. 23, 1952, son of the late George Richard and Betty Louise Adams Darby. He had made Pahokee his home since moving from New York State a year ago. A veteran of the Vietnam conflict, he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Prior to his retirement, he was employed with Conrail as a shop foreman. Since retiring to Pahokee he had become an avid sky-diver.

A memorial service was conducted Dec. 1, in the chapel of the James A. Bennett Funeral Home; Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church, officiated.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

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For more information call the school at 996-4930 and ask for Mr. Moya.

Light up Pahokee

Directors of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce invite all residents to "Light Up" on the evening of Monday, Dec. 15. Their annual caravan through the community will take them on a 35 mile trek, looking for the best in Christmas decorations. Residences, businesses, boats, campers and non-commercial facilities will be competing in several categories.

Call the chamber at 924-5579 if you would like to make sure you are not missed.

Gents annual New Year's Eve Ball

The Gents and Junior Gents will sponsor their annual New Year's Eve Ball on Dec. 31 at the Municipal Civic Center. The ball begins at 9 p.m. and tickets can be purchased from any member of the Gents.

Just in time for the holidays

The "Taste of the Glades" cookbook will be on sale at Belle Glade City Hall for those who missed getting this collection of local recipes.

The Black Gold Jubilee committee compiled the cookbook and it sold out shortly after the 1997 Jubilee. The committee has now ordered an additional 200 copies for sale. Cost of the cookbooks is \$12 and can be purchased by calling Jubilee Chairman Diane Carter at 996-0100.

Cookie Walk

The First United Methodist Church of Pahokee will hold their second annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 491 East Main Street, Pahokee. The public is invited to attend.

Meeting to discuss

Lake Shore School site
Lake Shore Middle School's School Advisory Committee will hold a meeting Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium to discuss the school replacement site. Local residents are urged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Festival at Pahokee

The Pahokee Church of God, located at 245 West Third Street, Pahokee, will be having their first festival on Saturday, Dec. 13. There will be food, games, prizes, arts & crafts and a rummage sale.

PBCC extends hours for winter registration

Winter term registration at Palm Beach Community College is now under way and continues through Jan. 5. PBCC's scheduled winter term classes begin on Jan. 6.

Extended hours will be in effect for Student Services and Business Affairs for registration.

The extended hours are: Friday, Jan. 2, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Saturday, Jan. 3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 5-7, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 10, 8 a.m. to noon.

For further information, contact PBCC Glades Campus in Belle Glade at 996-3055.

Fund raising dinner for Life Builders

The Life Builders organization will be having a fund raising dinner on Dec. 13 at the United Methodist Church in Pahokee from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The dinner consists of half a barbecued chicken and all the trimmings. The donation is \$6 per place and all proceeds from the dinner will help Life Builders in their charitable activities.

Holiday luncheon

The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America cordially invites the public to the Sickle Cell Holiday Luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the Belle Glade Civic Center, 725 N.W. 4th Street, Belle Glade on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the SCA and the Elite Community Club Sub-debates. The event is sponsored by Other Avenues, Inc., a non-profit organization. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Free transportation

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

Soup kitchen open

The Men's Ministry of Pahokee Church of the Nazarene offers free soup and dessert to interested people every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church annex.

Pahokee Church of the Nazarene is located at 480 Bacom Point Road. For additional information call 924-2587.

Bereavement Support Group offered

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend.

For further information call 996-1285.

Recovery Group meets at Good Shepherd

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.

NA and AA meetings

There are two narcotic anonymous groups that meet in the Glades and new members are always welcome.

Sweet Miracles meets on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 N.W. Avenue H, Belle Glade. They have open discus-

sions and speakers.

There is also a PANDA (Pregnant And Addicted) meeting every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the PANDA office, 816 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade. This meeting is for women only and is an open discussion meeting.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G, Belle Glade. Participation in any of these meetings is strictly confidential.

Anyone needing additional assistance or who has questions can call Narcotics Anonymous at 561-848-NANA.

Dolly Hand Center is decked out

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Leadership Glades learns about E.A.G.L.E. Program

Julie C. Bramlett
Staff Reporter

Leadership Glades held their Alumni Luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 3. Sheriff Robert Newman mentioned some on-going projects or changes that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department is working on. Some items noted were: a zero-based budget, a decentralized sheriff's office (because western PBC has different needs than other areas of PBC), community policing, and a raised standard for hiring (now a two-year degree is a minimum requirement).

Next, Captain Gary

Frechette spoke about the E.A.G.L.E. (Endeavor to Always Grow, Learn and Advance) Program. As the commander of this program, he gave a run-down of what the 18 boys currently in the program must accomplish.

There are three phases to the program. The first phase is Recruit, which is basically a three month boot camp, during which the boys are awake by 4 a.m. and back in bed by 8 p.m. It is a rigid routine they must follow, but all 18 boys who went home for Thanksgiving chose to return to the program after the holiday.

After three months as a

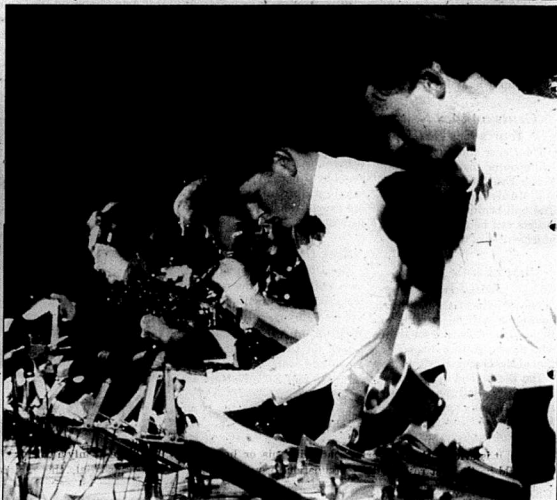
recruit, they make the transition to Cadet. This is also a three month program in which the boys still live at the camp, but they accept added responsibilities, serve as mentors to the new recruits, and do some community service.

During the final phase of the program, the boys serve as a Reserve. This is an after-care, follow-up program where the boys live at home, but are still close to the program and its policies.

Above all else, education is the focus to the program. Throughout their stay at the camp, the boys continue their education through on-site teachers.



SPEAKERS AT LEADERSHIP GLADES... From left are: Capt. Jack Maxwell, Sheriff Bob Newman and Capt. Gary Frechette, commander of the E.A.G.L.E. program.



Member of the Bell Chor performed at the Living Christmas Tree performance this past weekend.



NICE GOAT... Kara Roberts and Brent Hamilton enjoyed feeding the goats at the Lunch with Santa held Saturday. It was sponsored by the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau.

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HEALTH WATCH

'tis the season for earaches for toddlers

By Paula Swaford, RN

It's the season to be jolly...except if you are a child with an ear infection. It is a well known fact that toddlers usually have at least one ear infection by the time they turn three, whether they wear hats on windy days or keep their ears dry in the bathtub or not. Now through March is the most common season for ear infections, and parents fret over whether they are dressing their children right or doing anything that might bring on an infection.

We all have been blessed with a wonderful (7) mechanism in our head called the Eustachian tube which normally allows the middle ear to drain into the throat. There is drainage

because the middle ear has a fairly constant liquid which keeps the middle ear space moist. When the soft tissue around the eyes and nose swells, as in a cold or upper respiratory infection, the Eustachian tube often swells as well. If it is very small, as in infants and small children, it can swell completely shut. The tube lies more horizontally in young children, which restricts the fluid from draining downward. As you age, the tube expands and tilts downward, which is why adults are less prone to ear infections.

When a cold causes fluid to build up and the eardrum to swell, the fluid becomes a breeding ground for bacteria, the source of an ear infection.



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Everyone always has bacteria in the nasal cavity. When a person breathes, the bacteria could travel along the Eustachian tube into the ear "just by bad luck."

Some children seem to be "repeat offenders," if you will, when it comes to ear infections.

They seem to frequently have ear infections every three or four weeks. They keep going to the doctor, take a course of antibiotics and get better in a few days. But, in two or three weeks, the symptoms start coming back. This cycle may progress until they see an ear specialist and have "tubes" put into their ears.

However, parents may need to consider that these children may be suffering from allergies. When the child is



treated for his allergy (which may be food-related), this side effect of severe allergic reactions, ear infections, no longer occur. As a result, the expensive proposition of surgical installation of ear tubes becomes unnecessary.

Here are a few suggested steps to reduce a child's ear infection discomfort:

1. **Early detection.** Ear infections can be treated with an antibiotic that dramatically reduces the discomfort within 24 to 48 hours.

2. **Completing treatment.** Even if the child seems better after a day of antibiotics, continue them for the prescribed course. Otherwise, you're not killing all the bacteria, making it more likely for a second infection to develop.

3. **Avoid water.** Any water that gets in from the outside won't cause an ear infection, but it may make an infected ear more uncomfortable.

4. **Follow-up** and check back with your doctor two to four weeks after the initial visit to make sure any residual fluid has cleared up.

5. **If your children are highly allergic,** keep them away from foods such as milk, chocolate, tomatoes, citrus fruits, sugar, white wheat, dark drinks and eggs, as these foods seem to trigger allergic reactions and can cause ear infections to form.

Until next time...stay informed and stay healthy.

Avoiding failed back surgery

By Bernard Stern, D.C.

If you are suffering from chronic lower back pain, you may have considered back surgery. When you are experiencing severe pain, you'll be tempted to do almost anything to get rid of it. Therefore, it is important to know the hard facts regarding back surgery and its implications.

Each year, approximately 200,000 people undergo low back surgery. Unfortunately, 20-40% will fail the desired outcome. In fact, 10% will be worse after surgery. In reality, only about 4% of back problems require surgery. With these odds, it is evident that surgery should be the last resort after all conservative methods have been tried.

Too often, the only conservative treatments tried are bed rest, medication, braces, physiotherapy and traction. If pain persists, a battery of tests may be run including CAT scan, MRI, EMG, discogram, fluoroscopy or bone scan. No one test gives a complete picture of the problem, furthermore, none of these diagnostic procedures is completely reliable. Identifying the exact source of



Bernard Stern, D.C.

pain is very difficult. Orthopedic doctors ask, "What can we do with patients who are not certain we can help with surgery?" At what point can we give a patient hope of continuing his or her current occupation through surgery?

Part of the cause of failed back surgery is the side effects. Some of the most common are:

1. **Infection:** It may occur early or late after surgery. Infection may involve bone, muscle, disc space or spinal cord, and occurs in 1-3% of cases.

2. **Instability of the low back.** Vertebrae move on top of each other and are interrelated in function. When a disc is removed, the spine settles. It may cause overloading of the

facet joints. Levels of the spine next to the fusion are frequently unstable. If your spine seems to be "giving way" or "slipping out" and twisting back into position, you have instability.

3. **Scar tissue.** A primary factor leading to failed back surgery is scar tissue. This is the cheapest grade of tissue the body uses to repair itself. It is not nearly as strong as normal ligaments, and not as elastic. As a result, scar tissue causes a weakness and stiffness of the spine. Repeat surgery is rarely of significant benefit.

4. **Recurrent disc herniation.** Most disc surgeries entail removal of only a portion of the disc material, the remaining disc material exits out of the surgical site and results in recurrent disc herniation.

5. **Weakness of the muscles and ligaments.** A major cause of persistent disability is weak or atrophied muscles and ligaments supporting the spine. The pain is often worse after standing or sitting for prolonged periods of time. Many doctors believe weak muscles and ligaments are the primary cause of pain in failed back surgery. These weak mus-

cles are overworked just maintaining proper posture.

6. **Repeated surgeries.** Some patients have painful or abnormal discs in all five vertebrae of the low back. It is difficult to know where to stop surgery when fusion is contemplated in this setting.

7. **Wrong diagnosis or physician error.** Sometimes pain persists because surgery was performed at the wrong level. Often the real cause of pain was misdiagnosed.

8. **Nerve damage.** This may occur during surgery or from prior herniation or compression of the nerve from scar tissue. Pain is often severe. It is usually described as a constant dull ache with burning or electric shock sensations or numbness and tingling in the legs. Narcotics do not alleviate symptoms.

If back surgery is performed and is unsuccessful (failed) then a great many problems occur. It becomes difficult to distinguish psychological symptoms from physical symptoms. Diagnostic tests become more difficult to interpret when there was prior surgery. If a second surgery is contemplated,

then a prolonged period of physical and psychological rehabilitation must be performed without which there will be a second surgical failure.

Second operations take much longer due to many potential complications. Infection rates are much higher and risks increase. Tears in the dura matter surrounding the spinal cord occur in about one to 10 repeat operations which can lead to cerebro-spinal fluid blockages and meningitis. It is well known that the success of surgery drops rapidly with each additional surgery. The failure rate of repeat surgery is nearly 70%. Following such surgery, the patient often cannot stand or sit comfortably for more than a few minutes and often cannot kneel, squat or carry things. Most failed back surgeries result in permanent disability. As you can see, back surgery is not something to enter into lightly and there is

an alternative.

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Obviously, there is a time and place for everything, but unless you are in love with the idea of drugs and surgery, it would be worth it for you to try chiropractic care first. Remember, if you ignore your health, it will go away.

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Glades Bay Gator Tales

It's the middle of December already and Glades Bay students and faculty are preparing for the holidays that lie ahead. Have you made out your Christmas wish list yet?

While you're shopping, please add another toy to your list for the National Honor Society's Christmas Toy Drive that will help underprivileged kids in the Glades. NHS and NUHS sponsors Sharon Baumgartner and Angee Lohmann are spearheading the drive to collect new or as-good-as-new toys that will be donated to area charities. This is an annual project for the organizations and has proven very successful in the past as students and parents open their hearts and their pocketbooks to help those less fortunate. The last day to bring in a toy is Tuesday, Dec. 16. Remember, you, too, can make a difference!

The Gator Glee Club and

Junior Glee Club will be putting a song in everyone's heart with their annual winter concert that will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, December 15, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The program, entitled "The Gifts of Christmas," will include traditional holiday favorites and some new ones. Due to the costs of renting the theatre, the Glee Club is having to charge admission to the concert. The cost is \$5 per ticket for adults and \$2.50 for children. Please call Mrs. Lynn Pernezy at Glades Day School (996-6769) or Isabel Coonfare at Okeelanta Sugar to reserve your seat.

GDS would like to congratulate senior cheerleader Angela Miller, who performed in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City last month. Angela, who qualified for the Universal Cheerleading Association's All Star squad at

camp last summer, reported she had a fabulous time shopping and sightseeing in New York. She also spent a lot of time practicing with over 500 cheerleaders from around the U.S. for their routine that was shown on national television during the parade. Great show, Angela!

On a sports note, we would also like to congratulate Glades Central, Pahokee, Clewiston and Moore Haven for making the state football playoffs. Unfortunately, Pahokee and Clewiston were forced to play an elimination game against each other, with only one advancing in the playoffs, so that leaves three teams in the Glades still competing. It's always exciting when the hometown teams are successful, and we consider all the small towns around the lake as our area. We wish all of you the best and hope you go all the way!

Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 46 students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97.

Who's Who, published by the Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

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published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent more than 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private, and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include: Belle Glade; Ibrahim Alava III, Stacy Alston, Carla Alvarez, Jacqueline Alvarez, Roy Carter III, Ruth Crosbie, Catrina Edwards, Christopher

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GIVING OUR BOYS & GIRLS A PLACE TO GO... Belle Glade Mayor Steve Weeks and Glades Boys & Girls Club Presidents Dale Morris at the Belle Glade Boys & Girls Club.

Pioneer Park Elementary

Community Participation
Several of our students and staff performed in the Living Christmas Tree at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Saturday and Sunday. This program draws our community together each year to enjoy a beautiful celebration. We applaud all who participated in this event.

Grants Received
Shelly Miller, a teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary, was awarded \$500 from the Citibank Success Fund. This grant was written for a program called "If We Build

Them, They Will Come."

The funds will be used for Mrs. Seibert's first grade class to build bird houses and feeders. While studying about birds in our area, students will use writing skills and learn about the importance of our environment to ourselves and the wildlife around us.

Another grant was received from the Prevention Center in the amount of \$2,116.95. Mrs. Glenda Champion, a third grade teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary, was awarded this grant which will provide the opportunity for third, fourth,

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and fifth grade students at our school to increase their knowledge of the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs through the Just Say No Club. These students will educate the kindergarten, first, and second grade students on the effects of drugs through the Kelly Bear Drug Prevention Program, using creative dramatics and creative writing. These students will be providing the opportunity to experience positive effects of a drug free life.

Ronald McDonald Visits

Pioneer Park students cheered and laughed for the real Ronald McDonald on Tuesday, December 2. Ronald was visiting to tell kids about home and fire safety. Magic tricks and funny jokes kept the students focused on a serious message. Students chanted: stop, drop, and roll; don't play with matches; and other safety slogans. Other basic safety messages like using 911 and not talking to strangers were reviewed as well.

1997 Local Lou Groza Award finalists named

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission recently announced the finalists for the Local Lou Groza Award honoring the top high school player, coach, and kicker. The winners will be announced in conjunction with the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, presented by the Orange Bowl Committee, on Tuesday, December 9, at the Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel.

Finalists were selected by the head coaches of Palm Beach County Sports Commission and will also present a \$500 donation to the winners' Athletic Department.

The finalists are:
Outstanding Palm Beach County High School Coach:
(1) Milton Watson - Glades Central High School.

Outstanding Palm Beach County High School Player:
(1) Brad Banks - Glades Central High School.

(2) Anquan Boldin - Pahokee High School.

The 1997 Lou Groza Award recognizes the most outstanding kicker in Division I-A college football as chosen by a voting panel comprised of sportswriters, sportscasters, conference commissioners, professional kickers, and previous recipients.

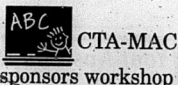
The Award is named after Cleveland Browns Hall-of-Fame Kicker, Lou Groza, who earned the nickname "The Toe" during his playing career. Groza, who started his career as an offensive lineman, is considered to be the man who changed place-kicking from a part-time to a full-time position.

A silent auction will be held the evening of the banquet to benefit the Palm Beach County Sports Institute, the private not for profit 501 (c)(3) youth program arm of the Palm

Beach County Sports Commission. Tickets for the banquet and auction are \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members, and \$35 for students (18 and under). Corporate tables may be purchased at \$500 for members and \$650 for non-members.

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Pioneer Park Elementary

Community Participation
Several of our students and staff performed in the Living Christmas Tree at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Saturday and Sunday. This program draws our community together each year to enjoy a beautiful celebration. We applaud all who participated in this event.

Grants Received
Shelly Miller, a teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary, was awarded \$500 from the Citibank Success Fund. This grant was written for a program called "If We Build

Them, They Will Come." The funds will be used for Mrs. Seibert's first grade class to build bird houses and feeders. While studying about birds in our area, students will use writing skills and learn about the importance of our environment to ourselves and the wildlife around us.

Another grant was received from the Prevention Center in the amount of \$2,116.95. Mrs. Glenda Champion, a third grade teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary, was awarded this grant which will provide the opportunity for third, fourth,



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and fifth grade students at our school to increase their knowledge of the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs through the Just Say No Club. These students will educate the kindergarten, first, and second grade students on the effects of drugs through the Kelly Bear Drug Prevention Program, using creative dramatics and creative writing. These students will be provided the opportunity to experience positive effects of a drug free life.

Ronald McDonald Visits
Pioneer Park students cheered and laughed for the real Ronald McDonald on Tuesday, December 2. Ronald was visiting to tell kids about home and fire safety. Magic tricks and funny jokes kept the students focused on a serious message. Students chanted: stop, drop, and roll; don't play with matches; and other safety slogans. Other basic safety messages like using 911 and not talking to strangers were reviewed as well.

1997 Local Lou Groza Award finalists named

The Palm Beach County Sports Commission recently announced the finalists for the Local Lou Groza Award honoring the top high school player, coach, and kicker. The winners will be announced in conjunction with the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, presented by the Orange Bowl Committee, on Tuesday, December 9, at the Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel. Finalists were selected by the head coaches of Palm Beach County Sports Commission will also present a \$500 donation to the winners' Athletic Department.

The finalists are:
Outstanding Palm Beach County High School Coach
(1) Milton Watson - Glades Central High School.
Outstanding Palm Beach County High School Player
(1) Brad Banks - Glades Central High School.

(2) Anquan Boldin - Pahokee High School.
The 1997 Lou Groza Award recognizes the most outstanding kicker in Division I-A college football as chosen by a voting panel comprised of sportswriters, sportscasters, conference commissioners, professional kickers, and previous recipients.
The Award is named after Cleveland Browns Hall-of-Fame Kicker, Lou Groza, who earned the nickname "The Toe" during his playing career. Groza, who started his career as an offensive lineman, is considered to be the man who changed place-kicking from a part-time to a full-time position.
A silent auction will be held the evening of the banquet to benefit the Palm Beach County Sports Institute, the private not for profit 501(c)(3) youth program arm of the Palm

Beach County Sports Commission. Tickets for the banquet and auction are \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members, and \$35 for students (18 and under). Corporate tables may be purchased at \$500 for members and \$650 for non-members.
The Lou Groza Award would not be possible without the support of its corporate sponsors: BellSouth, Benchmark Press, Budget Signs, Multi-Image, NationsBank, Parallax Productions, The Breakers. The Palm Beach Post, Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel and WFTV Channel 5.
The Lou Groza Award was founded by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission in 1992. For more information call the Palm Beach County Sports Commission at 561-233-1015.

ABC CTA-MAC sponsors workshop

CTA-MAC, The Classroom Teachers Association Minority Affairs Committee, invites you to a Multicultural Kwanzaa Workshop presented by Terry Thomas, National Education Association (NEA) 1997 National Award Winner for Black History, Saturday, December 13 at 9 a.m. at the CTA offices located at 715 Spencer Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida.
Palm Beach County teachers will receive in-service points. The entire community is invited. For future speech and Kwanzaa presentations call (561) 996-2738 or write 46 Everglades Place, Belle Glade, FL 33430.



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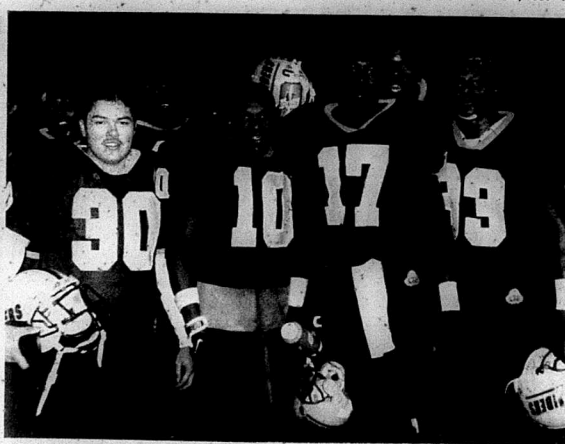
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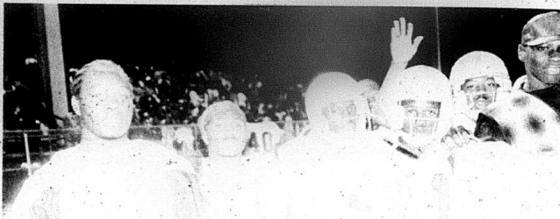
The Pahokee Blue Devils Marching Band strutted their stuff at half time.



Tiffany Mixson - Raider
Cheerleader (notice the score-
board - 35-16)

Glades Central
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STILL NUMBER ONE in the
eyes of their fans. Pahokee
Blue Devils gave it their best
shot last week and came up
just a little short of a win.



GLADES YOUTH FOOT-
BALL Coach Dan Bythwood,
(far right) holds the first place
trophy his team won at the
Shrine Bowl in Atlanta.
Shown in the center is Capt.
Jack Maxwell and far right is
Belle Glade Police Chief
Michael Miller.

Some of the members of the Glades Youth Football League are shown above. Back row, left
to right are Coach Charles Butler, Garland Heath, Jermall Jenkins, John Miller, Alphon-
so Royal, Barely August and Coach Dan Bythwood. Middle row, from left are Jamal Jenkins,
Everson Sanders, Dwight Holloway, Denarius Bailey and Gilbert Isaac. Front row, from left are
Tim Vaughn, Antonio McCloud, James Minus, Lamar Brown.

Glades Youth Football League, play in the Shrines Bowl

Glades Youth Football
League wants to thank all of
you that made it possible for
the children to go to Atlanta,
Georgia to play in the Shrines
Bowl. On Thursday, Thanks-
giving Day the Glades Youth

Gators left Belle Glade to trav-
el to Atlanta, Georgia to play
in the 23rd Annual
Crippled Children's Classic
held in Doraville, Georgia.
The Gator's played in the
125 lb Middleweight Division.

On Friday, November 28th at
5 p.m. the Gator's faced the
Winston Hill Falcons of Ohio.
The Gator's played a solid
game on both sides of the ball.
There were several key plays
in the game. Although, never
was the game a close contest,
the Gator's prevailed 30-0
advancing to the championship
round on Saturday night. The
Gator's were scheduled to play
the Tyner Colts of Tennessee,
but only to be awarded the
game by forfeit. After several
phone calls the Gator's were
scheduled to play a different
team in another division at
135 lb Middleweight, ten
pounds in the weight differ-
ence from the Tyner Colts.
Without a moment of thought,
Coach Quinn Smith and Luke
Pierre accepted the challenge
of playing in a different weight
class. Saturday night at 7 p.m.
the Gator's took the field to
play for the championship
against the Southwest Saints
of Atlanta, Georgia. Playing on
a field covered in mud, the
rain fell constantly. The
Gator's didn't skip a beat. On
the first play from scrimmage
a 65-yard sweep right for a
touchdown. From that point
the Gator's continued to domi-
nate the game. The final score
was 38-0. The Gators returned
to Florida with wins in two dif-
ferent divisions (125 lbs & 135
lbs). The Gator's are in 1st
place with a season's record of
7-0-2. The Gator player's are
as follows: Everson Sanders,
Ismael Small, James Hicks,
Nathaniel Jackson, Jermall
Jenkins, Lamorris Brown, Bill
Grant, Balou Fausting, Gene
Fausting, Gilbert Isaac,
Venkevious Pierre, Andre
Calixte, Andrew Calixte,
Antonio McCloud, Erod
Metayer, Vincent cheves,
Jessie Fleming, Chris Griffin,
Timothy Vaughn, Charles
Moorer, Todd Wiley, Willie
Lawrence, Willie McAllister,
Samuel Curry, James Minus,
Nesly Eliscart.

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...Robert Zimmerani

"I want to thank the Emergency Room and the
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for the medical and courteous attention they
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Special recognition to Cathie Lessard and
Margaret Hill...with employees like them, I feel
good about coming back to Glades General."

...Ivan O. Escobar

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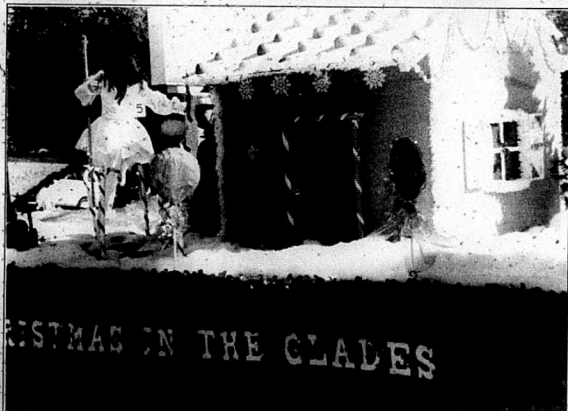
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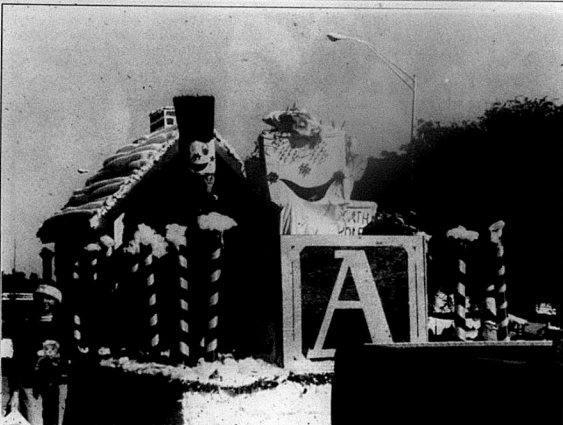


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"Holiday Fun Under the Glades Sun" was theme of Christmas parade



FIRST COMMUNITY BANK OF PALM BEACH COUNTY WON FIRST PLACE for this float titled "Fantasy Christmas in the Glades" during Saturday's annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.



EVERGLADES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER in Pahokee won second place for this float in Saturday's parade.



GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S Marching Band took second place in Saturday's parade.



BEST WALKING UNIT first place award went to the Eagle Academy Boys.

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce presented the city's Tenth Annual Christmas Parade, "Holiday Fun Under the Glades Sun," on Saturday, Dec. 6. Forty-six entries entertained the crowd as they traveled down Main Street, finishing up at the city's Municipal Complex. Certificates were presented to all first, second and third place winners.

The entries were judged in three categories, with the winners as follows: Best Float: First place - First Community Bank; Second place - Everglades Regional Hospital; Third place - Bank of Belle Glade. Best Band: First place - Glades Central Community High School Marching Band; Second place - Glades Day School's Marching Band; Third place - Lake Shore Middle School Marching Band. Best Decorated Vehicle: First place - Glades Gas; Second Place - 1997 Jr. Football Princesses Bears/Jets; Third

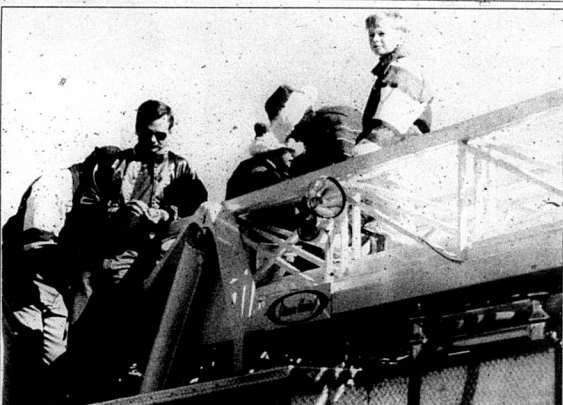
place - 1997 Jr. Football Princesses Colts/Eagles. Best Walking Units: First place - Eagle Academy; Second place - Glades School Nurses; Third place - Belle Glade Junior Football League.

The certificates were made possible through the support of sponsors King Ranch, Sugar Supply, Inc., and Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida.

The board of directors and staff of the chamber would like to thank them for their generosity and their continued support of our community. Executive Director Danielle Penuel said she would also like to thank Glades Ford Lincoln Mercury, Moss Towing, Seminole Supply, Barney Weeks, Lee Sutterfield, Becky Watson, Elizabeth Hernandez, Barbara Bell-Spence, Sandra Chamblee and Bair's Electronics of Belle Glade for all their help and support.



SANTA rode in Saturday's Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Parade. Also riding on the buggy are Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danielle Penuel and her son, Ethan and Det. Bud Backhems.



BELLE GLADE'S CITY COMMISSIONERS rode in Saturday's parade waving to the crowd and passing out candy.



JOY OF THE SEASON...Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee participated in Saturday's parade with this float.

Obituaries Continued from page 6 . . .

Earlie Ray Jones, age 86, died Dec. 2, 1997, at the Boone Retirement Center in Columbia, MO.

He was a native of Alabama and was retired as Sanitation Supervisor with the City of Belle Glade after 35 years. He attended Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Estelle Harper Jones in 1992, he is survived by: sons - Bobby R. Jones of Clewiston, Billy R. Jones of Dothan, AL, Raymond Jones of Monticello, FL, Hughie Jones of Lawrenceville, GA, and Dewey Jones of Columbia, MO; sisters - Perlie Barksdale of Hodges, AL, and Fannie Cagle of Birmingham, AL; brother - Casey Jones of Hodges, AL; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church on Dec. 6, with Rev. Mike Frederick officiating. Deaton Funeral Homes in Red Bay, AL, were entrusted with arrangements.

Lois P. Morgan, age 75, died on Dec. 7, 1997, at Columbia Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee.

Born in Kenansville, FL, she made her home in Belle Glade until moving to Okeechobee in 1986.

She is survived by: daughter - Edna Morgan of Okeechobee; son - **Jetson Morgan**, Jr. of Belle Glade; grandchildren - Denise M. Crosby, Diana Wilson, Jetson Morgan, III and Jeffery E. Morgan, all of Belle Glade; and great-grandchildren - Zachary Wilson, Allie Morgan and Marissa Morgan, all of Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 10, at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Kenansville, FL. Rev. Tom Miss was the officiating pastor. Arrangements were entrusted to the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Jason Patrick Pilcher, died Dec. 7, 1997, in Everglades Memorial Hospital, Pahokee, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be held today, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Canal Point Baptist Church. Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

A native of Panama City, he was born May 28, 1977, son of James Z. and Patricia Futrell Pilcher. He had made his home in Pahokee since moving from Atlanta, GA, in 1984. For the past

three years he was employed with Curtron Electric as an Electrician. He loved to play his guitar and country music; he also enjoyed water sports, especially sailing. He was preceded in death by his brother Jimmy Pilcher on Dec. 6, 1994.

He is survived by: parents - James and Pat Pilcher of Pahokee; brother - Joey Pilcher of Sweetwater, TN; sisters - Pamela Batchelor, and her husband Rick of Pahokee, Janice Stevens, and her husband Jake, of Okeechobee; also several uncles, aunts, nephews, and nieces.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, has charge of the arrangements.

Charlotte E. Prevatt, age 72, died Dec. 8, 1997, at Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade.

Funeral services will be held today, Dec. 11, at the Mixon Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Ridgeland Cemetery in Clewiston.

Born in Gatlinburg, TN, she had been a long time resident of the Glades area, making her home in South Bay. She was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 20 in Belle Glade, Glades General Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies), and a member of the local Elks Club in Belle Glade serving as a steward for many years.

She is survived by: sons - Jimmie Lee Green of Atlanta, GA, and Vernon B. Prevatt of Lake Harbor; daughter - Debora Ann Prevatt of Clewiston; brothers - Norman Martin and A.D. Martin of Naples; and 2 grandchildren.

Arrangements were entrusted to Mixon Funeral Home in Belle Glade.

Clay Speas, age 64, died on Nov. 22, 1997.

He was a native of North Carolina and a resident of Belle Glade where he worked as a crop duster. He was a resident of Fort Pierce for many years.

He is survived by: wife - Carol Speas; sons - Dan Mayne and Wesley Mayne, both of Panama City; daughters - Julie Mayne of Ft. Pierce and Bonnie Buckley of Destin; brothers - Ade Speas of Belle Glade and S.H. Speas of Lexington, NC; sister - Beulah Doll of Winston Salem, NC; and 6 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 25, at New Hope Baptist Church, Ft. Pierce.

Rep. Foley calls for a new, simplified United States Tax Code

Saying the U.S. Tax Code is much too large and complex for average Americans to properly prepare their tax returns, Rep. Mark Foley (R-FL) is asking for a total restructuring of the U.S. Tax Code.

During a news conference outside the IRS offices in West Palm Beach on Nov. 21, the Florida congressman said it's time to simplify.

"Our entire tax code is predicated on the notion of volun-

tary compliance, but there is no way that the average taxpayer could properly read or understand - much less comply with - the U.S. Tax Code when you consider that it comprises about 17,000 pages including all tax regulations," Rep. Foley said. "The sheer volume alone - not to mention the arcane rules and endless special interest loopholes - makes simplification and restructuring of the U.S. Tax Code a necessity."

Rep. Foley is co-sponsor of a bill that would eliminate the current U.S. Tax Code, excluding Medicare and Social Security provisions.

"My co-sponsorship of this legislation, which would terminate the Federal Tax Code of 1986 after December 31, 2001, is intended to put pressure on Congress to finally simplify and restructure our nation's tax laws," Rep. Foley explained. "The bill - if passed -

would require that any new federal tax system be simple and fair."

Rep. Foley says that in crafting a new U.S. Tax Code, it should reflect these four basic principles:

1. Simplicity: let taxpayers file a single simplified tax form.

2. Fairness: Restore fairness to our tax laws by ending, once and for all, special interest loopholes, and taxing income at a lower rate.

3. Protect Social Security: Help elderly and those living on fixed incomes.

4. Pro-growth: Create a tax code that doesn't penalize taxpayers for saving and investing their money.

"Currently, there are a number of proposals being considered in Congress - including a Flat Tax, a National Sales Tax, as well as modification of the current tax code - and I am examining the merits of each,

and will support legislation based on how well they reflect these four basic principles."

Rep. Foley said, "I will seek public input on all these proposals in order to determine which will best serve our future interests, but making certain that we meet our financial responsibilities to the elderly and less fortunate while restraining the size of the tax bite for average working people."

Southern Gardens Citrus to expand once more

For the third time in as many years, Southern Gardens Citrus in Clewiston has announced its plans to expand its fast-growing citrus processing facility. As part of an ongoing expansion program, construction of an additional pair of extraction lines is in the planning stages. This will bring the number of extraction lines to five.

Since opening in early 1994, Southern Gardens has already doubled its capacity and currently processes 16 million boxes of fruit annually into nearly 100 million gallons of concentrated and not-from-concentrate orange juice. After the proposed construction project, the plant will be able to process in excess of 25 million boxes of oranges. Future expansions are planned.

Construction is already under way on an additional six million gallons of aseptic storage for single strength, not-from-concentrate (NFC) orange juice. These tanks will each hold one million gallons and will be state-of-the-art, epoxy

lined, bacteria-free storage systems. When completed during the 1997-98 season, the processing plant will have a total of 22 million gallons of NFC, premium orange juice storage capacity.

According to Charles Lucas, vice president of Citrus Marketing and Fruit Procurement, "We are building the capacity to supply the ever increasing demand for premium, 'natural strength' orange juice. Even with this expansion, we still have not completely built out the plant's original capacity and infrastructure."

Already South Florida's largest citrus grower and processor, Southern Gardens is also one of the leading producers of not-from-concentrate orange juice in the United States.

Southern Gardens is a subsidiary of United States Sugar Corp., an employee-owned family of agri-business companies. The plant is located in Hendry County.

Pahokee church to perform Christmas programs

The Chancel Choir of the Pahokee First United Methodist Church will present a cantata entitled, *A Season, A Savior, A Star*. There will be two performances, one on Friday Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. with refreshments served afterwards in the fellowship hall, and on during regular morning

worship on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.

The Precious Lambs' children's choir will present their drama for the Christmas season, *If All Happened in the Country* on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served afterwards with a special visit from "you-know-who."



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STILL NUMBER ONE in the eyes of their fans. Pahokee Blue Devils gave it their best shot last week and came up just a little short of a win.



GLADES YOUTH FOOTBALL Coach Dan Bythwood, (far right) holds the first place trophy his team won at the Shrine Bowl in Atlanta. Shown in the center is Capt. Jack Maxwell and far right is Belle Glade Police Chief Michael Miller.



Some of the members of the Glades Youth Football League are shown above. Back row, left to right are Coach Charles Butler, Garland Heath, Jermain Jermall Jenkins, John Miller, Alphonso Royal, Baredy August and Coach Dan Bythwood. Middle row, from left are Jamal Jenkins, Everson Sanders, Dwight Holloway, Denarius Bailey and Gilbert Isaac. Front row, from left are Tim Vaughn, Antonio McCloud, James Minus, Lamar Brown.

Glades Youth Football League, play in the Shrines Bowl

Glades Youth Football League wants to thank all of you that made it possible for the children to go to Atlanta, Georgia to play in the Shrines Bowl. On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day the Glades Youth Gators left Belle Glade to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to play in the 23rd Annual Crippled Children's Classic held in Doraville, Georgia. The Gator's played in the 125 lb Middleweight Division.

On Friday, November 28th at 5 p.m. the Gator's faced the Winston Hill Falcons of Ohio. The Gator's played a solid game on both sides for the ball. There were several key plays in the game. Although, never was the game a close contest, the Gator's prevailed 30-0 advancing to the championship round on Saturday night. The Gator's were scheduled to play the Tyner Colts of Tennessee, but only to be awarded the game by forfeit. After several phone calls the Gator's were scheduled to play a different team in another division at 135 lb Middleweight, ten pounds in the weight difference from the Tyner Colts. Without a moment of thought, Coach Quinn Smith and Luke Piere accepted the challenge of playing in a different weight class. Saturday night at 7 p.m. the Gator's took the field to play for the championship against the Southwest Saints of Atlanta, Georgia. Playing on a field covered in mud, the rain fell constantly. The Gator's didn't skip a beat. On the first play from scrimmage a 65-yard sweep right for a touchdown. From that point, the Gator's continued to dominate the game. The final score was 38-0. The Gators returned to Florida with wins in two different divisions (125 lbs & 135 lbs). The Gator's are in 1st place with a season's record of 7-0-2. The Gator player's are as follows: Everson Sanders, Ismael Small, James Hicks, Nathaniel Jackson, Jermall Jenkins, Lamorris Brown, Bill Grant, Balou Fausting, Gene Fausting, Gilbert Isaac, Venkevius Pierre, Andre Calixte, Andrew Calixte, Antonio McCloud, Erode Metayer, Vincent cheven, Jessie Fleming, Chris Griffin, Timothy Vaughn, Charles Mooror, Todd Wiley, Willie Lawrence, Willie McAllister, Samuel Curry, James Minus, Neisly Eliscart.

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